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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Hideki Matsumoto, et al. ) Examiner: Not yet assigned  
Application No.: Not yet assigned ) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
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For: Developing Device, )  
Process Cartridge, )  
and Image Forming )  
Apparatus ) April 5, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the claims as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-13, 17-20, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30-32, 34, 37-41, 43, 44, 46-48, 49, 50, 52-59, 61, 63-66, 69, 70, 74, 75, 77, 78, and 80-82 as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims, showing the changes made therein, is also attached. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.